



# BOARD BULLETIN

December 20, 2013

## Building and Land Use Trends

Based on five (5) months of performance data, the County's overall economic development (EDC), land use activity, and real estate transactions are trending slightly ahead of many of the benchmarks from the same time period last fiscal year.

The two (2) most encouraging indicators are increases in active project leads and building permits. Hopefully, this increased activity will continue through the remainder of the fiscal year and beyond.

Indicator	July-Nov (FY 13)	July-Nov (FY 14)	% Diff.
New Active Leads in EDC	6	8	33%
Building Permits Issued	1,320	1,324	0.3%
Total Permit Value (\$ millions)	11.9	11.2	-5.9%
Inspections Per Day	31.5	33.02	4.8%
Major Subdivisions	0	1	100%
Deeds of Trust Indexed	857	765	-10.7%
Permitting Related Phone Calls Received	4,838	4,873	0.7%

## Regional Radio System Governance Established

In mid-November the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County took formal action to establish a Regional Radio Advisory Council. The council will give each participating organization from the region (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Cabarrus County, Concord, Kannapolis, Union County, Gastonia and Stanly County) a voice in decisions related to policies and procedures associated with the UASI regional radio system.

The regional model will ultimately reduce the cost of maintaining the network infrastructure while increasing public safety interoperability.

## Economic Development Update

**Active Projects** – The current number of active projects is twenty (23). Four (4) additional projects were added to the active list in the past 30 days. Additionally, one formerly active project will be announced early next week (see below). The leads for all 4 new projects came from economic development allies.

The current active projects represent the potential for at least \$578 million in new investment and approximately 1,745 jobs.

There were four (4) additional projects added to the suspect list during the past 30 days. Two (2) suspect leads came from the NC Dept. of Commerce, one (1) lead was generated by the Charlotte Regional Partnership, and the remaining lead came from an economic development ally.

There were a total of six (6) meetings and/or site visits with prospective businesses in the past 30 days.

A project creating 25 new jobs in New London will be announced early next week in conjunction with the NC Dept. of Commerce.

### Other Initiatives/Activities –

- On November 21, EDC staff and SCC President, Dr. Kays attended an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership kick-off meeting in Charlotte.
- On November 21, EDC staff attended the Chamber of Commerce's Business After-Hours event at Lucky Clay Farms in Cottonville.
- December 10, EDC staff attended the local Stanly County Manager's Association luncheon and the Centralina Workforce Development Board meeting.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	December 24-26 County Offices Closed
<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>	Monday, January 6 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room